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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/032,721
Applicant : Kubota et al.
Filed : December 27, 2001
Title : EXCHANGE DECOUPLED COBALT/NOBLE METAL
PERPENDICULAR RECORDING MEDIA
Group Art Unit : 1773
Examiner : Kevin M. Bernatz
Docket No. : 010951

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.